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1. Former German soldiers who have arrived in South Slesvig after having been prisoners of the Russians are all in a deplorable condition. They seem to be indescribably miserable and are completely broken spiritually and physically. The treatment they received was inhuman.

- 25X1X6 2. [REDACTED] had the opportunity of talking to two liberated German war prisoners. It was evident that both had had their fill of the type of experience encountered on their journey home. In the camp where releases were effected, the half-dead returning Germans made their first acquaintance with the German Berlin Communists. Through an arrangement with the Russians, these Communists delivered speeches to the released prisoners and urged them to join the SED and to recruit new members for it.
3. These speakers stated that German militarism and Fascism were responsible for the wars and that the Russians could not treat the German soldiers differently, since they were obliged to think that all Germans are wild Nazis who could have murdered and plundered. They stated that militarism and capitalism should be rooted out of Germany forever; Russia, who has been fighting for the emancipation of humanity, deserves the highest praise.
4. The Communists gave out cigarettes and sweets in the camp and sought to ingratiate themselves with the prisoners. The two prisoners mentioned stated that this behavior on the part of the Communists had awakened hatred. None of them could understand how there could still be people in Germany who--after their experience with one dictator--could wish for another who is even worse.

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